

REMARKS

This application is a divisional application of parent patent application serial No. 09/880,190. Claims 19 – 33 are pending. Claims 1 – 18 have been cancelled. Claims 26 – 27 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced. Applicants respectfully request an action on the merits.

The parent application (serial No. 09/880,190) to this divisional application was originally filed on June 12, 2001, with claims 1 - 33. In a Restriction Requirement, included as Attachment 1, the Examiner identified that claims 1 - 18 were subject an election requirement with claims 1 - 18 being in Group 1 and claims 19 - 33 being in group 2. Applicants provisionally elected, telephonically, the Group I claims on December 12, 2002. This provisional election of Group I claims was confirmed in an Election in Response to a Restriction Requirement dated January 30, 2003, included as Attachment 2.

In the present application, Applicants are pursuing original claims 19 - 33.

Applicants have enclosed herewith a PTO-Form 1449 identifying references potentially relevant to this invention. The references identified on the PTO-Form 1449 include references submitted by the Applicants and cited by the Examiner during the prosecution of the parent application. Copies of the references are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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